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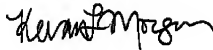
This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2008. While applicants respectfully disagree with the basis set forth in the Office Action for rejecting Claims 1-3, 12, and 13, applicants desire to advance the prosecution of the present application and thus have canceled the rejected claims. Claim 8, 10, and 19, which were allowed in the above-noted Office Action, remain pending in the application.

It is noted that the claims include reference numerals solely to assist in reading the claims in view of embodiments proposed by way of example in the written description. A minor typographical error in a reference numeral in Claim 19 has been corrected. In any regard, the reference numerals should not be considered to affect or limit the scope of the claims.

In view of the above, issuance of a notice of allowance in this application is proper. Should the Examiner have any questions, she is invited to contact the undersigned counsel.

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